

REMARKS

The Final Office Action mailed November 29, 2007 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Canceled Claims

Claims 1-54 and 61-91 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Rejection(s) Pursuant to Judicially-Created Double Patenting

Claims 55-60 stand rejected pursuant to the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 47-52 of prior U.S. pat. no. 6,626,890. Submitted herewith is a duly-executed Terminal Disclaimer overcoming said double patenting rejection. Withdrawal of same is respectfully requested.

Request for Entry of Amendment

Entry of this Amendment will place the Application in better condition for allowance, or at the least, narrow any issues for an appeal. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment is appropriate and is respectfully requested.

Conclusion


In view of the preceding discussion, Applicants respectfully urge that the claims of the present application define patentable subject matter and should be passed to allowance.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone call would help advance prosecution of the present invention, the Examiner is kindly invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number below.

Please charge any additional required fees, including those necessary to obtain extensions of time to render timely the filing of the instant Amendment and/or Reply to Office Action, or credit any overpayment not otherwise credited, to our deposit account no. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,
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